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CHRISTMAS GUESTS.

The quiet day in Winter beauty closes.

And sunset clouds are tinged with crimson dye.

As if the hushes of our faded rose

Came back to tint this sombre Christmas sky.

A lonely glow floats o'er the upland ranges.

A robin carols from the chestnut-tree:

The voice that changes not and our changes

Sounds faintly from the melancholy sea.

We sit and watch the twilight darken slowly:

Dies the last gleam upon the lone hillside.

And in the stillness, growing weak and lonely,

Our Christmas guests come in this evening.

They enter softly, some with baby faces.

Whose sweet blue eyes have scarcely looked on

life.

We bid them welcome to their vacant places:

They won the peace, and never knew the strife.

And some with steadfast glances meet us gravely.

Their hands point backward to the paths they trod:

Dear ones, we know how long you straggled

bravely.

And died upon the battle-field of God!

But one there is, more kind than any other.